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Mr. Ronald Medford
Senior Administrator for Vehicle Safety
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 5321
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Medford:

The following information is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR Part 579.11. General Motors has decided to conduct a Noncompliance Recall in Japan involving certain 2004-2005 Cadillac DeVille model vehicles.

This Noncompliance Recall involves vehicles that were sold outside of the United States. General Motors manufactured these vehicles in the United States and sold substantially similar vehicles in the United States. Please contact me if you have any further questions concerning this report.

Vehicles identified in this letter as "substantially similar" under the broad definition specified in 49 CFR Part 579 and can have significant differences in design, performance, durability, etc. The vehicles may not be "substantially similar" except for purposes of reporting under 49 CFR Part 579.

Sincerely,

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579.11 REPORT

MANUFACTURER:	General Motors Corporation
MAKE:	Cadillac
MODEL & YEAR:	Certain 2004 - 2005 DeVilles
NUMBER OF VEHICLES:	115 (Produced from October 2003 to December 2004)
ACTION TYPE DETERMINATION:	Noncompliance Recall / Decision was made by the manufacturer.
CONDITION:	General Motors Asia Pacific Japan was notified of a property damage crash involving a 2004 Cadillac DeVille. The driver's alleged loss of service brakes, and a deformed brake booster push-rod retainer was found on the floor of the vehicle. Inspection of the deformed clip and samples of properly manufactured clips from other DeVilles suggests that the deformed clip was not manufactured to specifications. General Motors Asia Pacific Japan discussed this unique report with the JMLIT and subsequently decided to conduct a noncompliance recall. If the push rod retainer is deformed in the same manner, it may fall off and the push rod may disengage from the brake pedal lever, resulting in a loss of service brakes.
CORRECTION:	A field action will consist of inspecting vehicles in Japan for proper manufacture and installation of the brake booster push-rod retainer, and reinstalling or replacing the retainer as required.
DATE OF DETERMINATION:	June 23, 2005
ACTION COMMENCED:	June 2005 (Tentative)
COUNTRIES INVOLVED:	Japan
SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR U.S. VEHICLE:	2004-2005 Cadillac DeVille.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	GM has not identified any other reports of an improperly manufactured retainer clip that was installed in a 2004-2005 DeVille sold in Japan, the United States, or elsewhere. GM will monitor the results of the field action in Japan and is working with the supplier of the clip to determine the root cause.

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